These include increasing our exports, diversifying our production base, modernising our productive apparatus, strengthening institutional support, modification and periodic revision of our industrial policies, fiscal incentives to exporters etc.

Enhancement of reward for the informers regarding seizure of Narcotics

*180. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced any enhancement of the reward amount as incentive to the informers and officials for helping in the seizure of narcotics in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the enhancement of reward amount has helped in checking smuggling and also in the seizure of narcotics in the country and what is the amount paid so far to the informers/officials for helping in the seizure of narcotics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As part of the intensification of the anti-smuggling drive, the scheme of rewards and other incentives granted to informers and departmental officials engaged in anti-smuggling work was reviewed by the Government in March, 1985. As a result of the review, apart from further strengthening of the anti-smuggling infrastructure, it was considered necessary to rationalise the reward policy and accordingly, the reward eligibility of informers and departmental officials was enhanced from 10 per cent to 20 per cent of the value of contraband goods seized, with provision for grant of part of the rewards immediately after seizure.

In the interest of curbing the illicit drug traffic effectively and for the sake of uniformity in the reward admissible to the Central and State Government law enforcement officers, their informers, it has been decided to extend the liberalised reward scheme in respect of seizures made under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 by the Central as well as the State Government authorities with effect from 13th May, 1986. The expenditure incurred in connection with the payment of reward to the enforcement personnel and informers of the State Governments at the revised rates and norms adopted by the Department of Revenue would be met by the Central Government.

(c) While it may not be possible to estimate the precise extent to which enhancement of rewards has helped in checking smuggling of narcotic drugs, with the enforcement of the new Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act in 1985, coupled with the liberalised reward scheme, there has been a marked improvement in the seizure of narcotic drugs all over the country by the various enforcement agencies. An amount of Rs. 10 crores has been allotted in the current financial year to meet the expenditure in connection with the payment of rewards under the liberalised reward scheme.

The information regarding the actual amount paid so far to informers and officials for helping in the seizure of narcotic drugs in the current financial year is not readily availabl with the Department.

Export of Onion and Garlic

745. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMER-

CE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of onion and garlic exported during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in the export of onion and garlic; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Total quantity of onion and garlic exported was as under:—

(Qty. in Mts/val. Rs. lakhs)
(Provisional)

Year	Onion		Garlic	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value.
1984-85	282428	5372	1143	23
1985-86	263176	5069	1121	42

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Onion export is canalised through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. These exports were regulated by NAFED during 1985-86 having regard to the need for maintaining domestic market supplies at reasonable levels. The fall in exports of garlic was on account of lower production.

Import of raw sugar and refined sugar

746. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASIM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the import of raw sugar costs less than the import of refined (finished) sugar; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which his Ministry does not favour import of raw sugar production particularly in view of difficult foreign exchange situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Since the reprocessing of imported raw sugar into refined sugar is costlier, the Government are not in favour of import of raw sugar as such.

Charges of Irregularities against the Chairman of Sagar Gramin Bank

747. SHRI SHANTIMOY GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that from the report submitted by the Enquiry Officer of the Sponsoring Bank, it has been established that the Chairman of Sagar Gramin Bank is involved in many corrupt and illegal practices; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government had received in June, 1986 a Preliminary Investigation Report from the United Bank of India, the sponsoring bank of Sagar Gramin Bank regarding a complaint against the Chairman of the Gramin Bank. The Report is under scrutiny in consultation with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).